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## Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1-14 as shown in the attached "Amendments to the Claims" and add new claims 15 through 24.

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## **Amended Claims**

- 1. (Currently amended) A collapsible box comprising:
  - a. a front wall;
  - b. a rear wall;
  - c. opposing end walls;
  - d. a bottom wall;
  - e. means for fixedly attaching said collapsible box to a generally vertical surface in a suspended manner; wherein said walls are operably engaged to selectively convert from an assembled condition defining a recess to a collapsed condition for storage.
- (Currently amended) A collapsible box as defined in claim 1, wherein said bottom wall is pivotally attached to said front wall, whereby the bottom wall adds
   L-beam structure to the front wall.
- 3. (Original) A collapsible box as defined in claim 1, wherein said bottom wall is pivotally attached to said rear wall.
- 4. (Original) A collapsible box as defined in claim 1, wherein there are two opposing end walls, each defining a pivot line delineating front and rear portions.
- 5. (Original) A collapsible box as defined in claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of said walls is oriented in a vertical orientation when in the stored position.
- 6. (Original) A collapsible box as defined in claim 1, further comprising a lid.
- 7. (Original) A collapsible box as defined in claim 6, wherein:
  - a. said lid defines a front edge; and

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- b. a lip is pivotally attached along said front edge.
- 8. (Currently amended) A collapsible box for use in the bed of a pick-up-truck, said bed having a floor and an upstanding wall having an inner surface and an outer surface, said box <u>further</u> comprising:
  - a. a front wall;
  - b. a rear wall;
  - c. opposing end walls;
  - d. a bottom wall;
  - e. wherein said <u>front wall</u>, <u>said rear wall</u>, <u>said opposing end walls and said</u>

    <u>bottom</u> walls are operably engaged to selectively convert from an

    assembled condition defining a recess to a collapsed condition for

    storage-;
- f. said box being fixedly attached in suspension to an inner surface of said bed by at least one bracket, said bracket having an inner surface and an outer surface.
- 9. (Currently amended) A collapsible box as defined in claim <u>8</u>1, wherein said bottom wall is pivotally attached to said front wall, whereby the bottom wall adds <u>L-beam structure to the front wall.</u>
- 10. (Currently amended) A collapsible box as defined in claim <u>8</u>1, wherein said bottom wall is pivotally attached to said rear wall.
- 11. (Currently amended) A collapsible box as defined in claim <u>8</u>1, wherein there are two opposing end walls, each defining a pivot line delineating front and rear portions.

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- 12. (Currently amended) A collapsible box as defined in claim 81, wherein said plurality of said walls is oriented in a vertical orientation when in the stored position.
- 13. (Currently amended) A collapsible box as defined in claim 81, further comprising a lid.
- 14. A collapsible box as defined in claim 13, wherein: (Original)
  - said lid defines a front edge; and a.
  - b. a lip is pivotally attached along said front edge.
- 15. (New) A collapsible box as defined in claims 1 or 8, further comprising wheels, that are affixed near the junctures of the front wall and the end walls to help support the front wall when said collapsible box is moved between its collapsed and expanded positions.
- 16. (New) A collapsible box as defined in claims 1 or 8, said bottom wall further comprising flanges around each side edge of said bottom wall and along the edge furthest away from a side edge that is opposite its edge pivotally attached to the front wall.
- 17. (New) A collapsible box as defined in claims 7 or 14, said pivotally attached lip further comprising a locking structure that mates with a mating locking structure located near a top edge of the front wall to selectively lock the lid when the box is in the erected condition.
  - 18. (New) A collapsible box as defined in claim 17, said pivotally attached lip further comprising a second mating lock structure that is located near a bottom edge of the front wall, said locking structure mates with the second mating locking structure when the box is in the collapsed condition.

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- 19. (New) A collapsible box as defined in claim 1 or 8 further comprising a lid that comprises a locking structure that mates with a mating locking structure located near a top edge of the front wall to selectively lock the lid when the box is in the erected condition, and a second mating lock structure that is located near a bottom edge of the front wall that mates with the locking structure when the box is in the collapsed position.
- 20. (New) A collapsible box as defined in claim 8 wherein said truck is a pick-up truck.
- 21. (New) A collapsible box as defined in claim 8 wherein said collapsible box is suspended above the floor of the bed by a distance of at least the thickness dimension of a standard sized wooden beam.
- (New) A collapsible box as defined in claim 8, wherein said at least one bracket comprises a U-shaped bracket.
- 23. (New) A collapsible box as defined in claim 8, wherein said box is fixedly attached in suspension to said bed by two brackets.
- 24. (New) A collapsible box for use in the bed of a pick-up truck, said bed having a floor and an upstanding wall having an inner surface and an outer surface, said box further comprising:
  - a. a front wall;
  - b. a rear wall;
  - c. opposing end walls;
  - d. a bottom wall;
  - e. a lid that defines a front edge;

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- f. a lip that is pivotally attached along said front edge;
- e. wherein said walls are operably engaged to selectively convert from an assembled condition defining a recess to a collapsed condition for storage;
- f. said box being fixedly attached in suspension to an inner surface of said bed by at least one bracket, said bracket having an inner surface and an outer surface, whereby the inner surface of each said bracket is fixedly attached to said inner surface and said outer surface of said wall and whose outer surface is attached to an outer surface of said collapsible box;
- g. said pivotally attached lip further comprising a locking structure that mates with a mating locking structure located near a top edge of the front wall to selectively lock the lid when the box is in the erected condition, said lip further comprising a second mating lock structure that is located near a bottom edge of the front wall, said locking structure mates with the second mating locking structure when the box is in the collapsed condition.